

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, The American Association of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation is observing national cardiac rehabilitation week, with the 2003 theme, "We Have Your Best Interest at Heart"; and,

**WHEREAS**, Heart disease is the leading cause of death in our nation. In South Dakota, over 2,500 people die of heart disease each year, and nationally, more than 710,000 die of heart attacks each year; and,

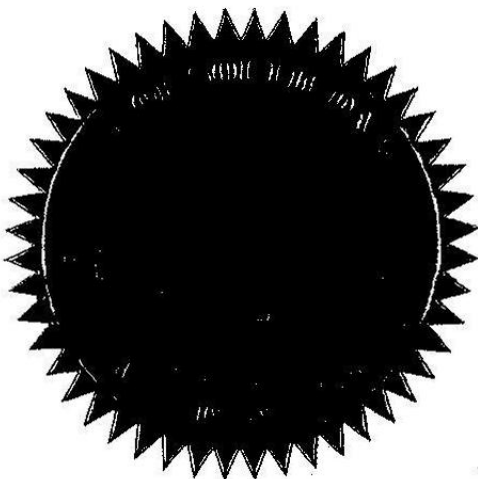
**WHEREAS**, Observation of cardiac rehabilitation week calls special attention to the dedicated professionals who promote the dissemination of information about heart disease, its prevention and rehabilitation; and,

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of the strides made to conquer heart disease and in support of South Dakota's dedicated heart specialists:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 9-15, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to take a healthy and sound approach to caring for their well-being and to join forces to battle the nation's number one killer.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State